

PENALTY: COUNT ONE: 18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy to Commit Extortion, 0-5 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, \$100 special assessment.. DATED: August 11, 2008 JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO United States Attorney Assistant United States Attorney

1074 FOR 1ARK 15408/11/2008 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA D_{MAGIS. NO:} DOCKET NO: **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** SEALE NAME & ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL TO BE ARRESTED ADRIANE OSUAGWU, ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu also known as Ernest Ufondu 215 Avalon Circle Pittsburgh, CA 94565 PDID: 12/9/85 DOB: **DISTRICT OF** WARRANT ISSUED ON THE INDICTMENT ARREST RASIS OF: CITY ANY UNITED STATES MARSHAL OR TO: OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest the above-named person and bring that person before the nearest available Magistrate Judge to answer to the charge(s) listed below. **DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES** CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT EXTORTION United States District Court For the District of Columbia A TRUE COPY MAYER WHITTINGTON, Eleck UNITED STATES CODE TITLE & SECTION: IN VIOLATION OF: 18: 371 OTHER CONDITIONS OF RELEASE: BAIL FIXED BY COURT: DATE ISSUED: ORDERED BY: MACESTRATE JUDGE FACCIOLA 3/20/08 MAGISTRATE JUDGE FACCIOLA DATE: CLERK OF COURT: 3/20/08 Nancy Mayer-Whittington This warrant was received and executed with the arrest of the above-named person. NAME AND TITLE OF ARRESTING OFFICER SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER DATE RECEIVED

OCDETF CASE:

Yes

No

DATE EXECUTED

HIDTA CASE:

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on November 15, 2007

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL NO.:

v.

MAGISTRATE NO.: 06-0494M

ADRIANE OSUAGWU,

VIOLATION:

also known as Ernest Ufondu.

: 18 U.S.C. § 371

Defendant.

(Conspiracy to Commit Extertion)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE

At all times material to the Indictment:

The Conspiracy

1. From on or before February 1, 2006, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing through on or about April 10, 2006, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, defendant ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, and co-conspirator Queen Nwoye (the "co-conspirators") knowingly conspired, combined, confederated, and agreed with each other to commit an offense against the United States, that is, extort money from Ikemba Iweala, by transmitting in interstate and foreign commerce threats to injure the property and reputation of Ikemba Iweala, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(d)(Extortion).

Object of the Conspiracy

2. It was the object of the conspiracy to obtain money by threatening Ikemba Iweala with disclosure of embarrassing information that would harm his reputation in order to force Ikemba Iweala to pay money to prevent disclosure of that information.

Manner and Means Used to Accomplish the Object of the Conspiracy

- 3. The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished through the following manner and means, among others:
- (A) ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, engaged in numerous telephone conversations with Ikemba Iweala, during which he threatened to disclose Ikemba Iweala's relationship with co-conspirator Nwoye, unless Ikemba Iweala paid money to the co-conspirators in order to prevent disclosure of that information;
- (B) ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, instructed Ikemba Iweala to pay money to prevent disclosure of embarrassing information by personally delivering money to the co-conspirators, or by wiring funds into their bank accounts.

Overt Acts

- 4. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the object of the conspiracy, ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, and co-conspirator Nwoye committed various overt acts, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including, but not limited to the following:
- (A) On or about February 21, 2006, the co-conspirators, who were in Maryland, telephoned Ikemba Iweala, who was in Massachusetts, and informed him that if he did not pay the co-conspirators \$20,000, the co-conspirators would inform Ikemba Iweala's wife that he had a relationship with co-conspirator Nwoye.

- On or about February 24, 2006, as a result of threats to harm Ikemba Iweala's (B) reputation, co-conspirator Nwoye met Ikemba Iweala at a location in Maryland and collected a cashier's check in the amount of \$20,000.
- On or about February 25, 2006, ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as (C) Ernest Ufondu, and co-conspirator Nwoye, telephoned Ikemba Iweala and demanded another \$20,000 payment in order to prevent the disclosure of Ikemba Iweala's affair with co-conspirator Nwoye.
- On or about March 3, 2006, co-conspirator Nwoye met Ikemba Iweala at (D) Providence Hospital, in the District of Columbia, and collected \$20,000 in cash from Ikemba Iweala to prevent the co-conspirators from disclosing Ikemba Iweala's relationship with co-conspirator Nwoye.
- On or about March 10, 2006, the co-conspirators discussed and implemented (E) a scheme to force Ikemba Iweala to pay the co-conspirators more money. Co-conspirator Nwoye contacted lkemba Iweala and then met him in the District of Columbia under the pretext that they would engage in sex in a parked car. When Ikemba Iweala and co-conspirator Nwoye were in a compromised state, co-conspirator Nwoye gave ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, a pre-arranged signal and ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, took photographs of Ikemba Iweala as Ikemba Iweala fled the scene.
- On or about March 10, 2006, ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest (F) Ufondu, telephoned Ikemba Iweala and demanded that Ikemba Iweala pay another \$100,000, in two installments of \$50,000, in order to prevent the disclosure of Ikemba Iweala's affair with coconspirator Nwoye.

- On or about March 14, 2006, by means of threats to harm Ikemba Iweala's (G) reputation, the co-conspirators caused Ikemba Iweala to make a wire transfer of \$50,000 to the coconspirators, and ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, kept \$48,000 of the \$50,000 payment.
- On or about March 28, 2006, by means of threats to harm Ikemba Iweala's (H) reputation, the co-conspirators caused Ikemba Iweala to transfer by wire \$50,000 to the coconspirators, and ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, kept \$48,000 of the \$50,000 payment.
- On or about March 28, 2006, during a telephone conversation, ADRIANE (I)OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, demanded that Ikemba Iweala pay another \$15,000, in order to prevent the disclosure of Ikemba Iweala's affair with co-conspirator Nwoye.
- On or about March 31, 2006, co-conspirator Nwoye met Ikemba lweala at **(J)** Providence Hospital, in the District of Columbia, and collected \$15,000 in cash from Ikemba Iweala to prevent the co-conspirators from disclosing Ikemba Iweala's relationship with co-conspirator Nwoye.
- On or about March 31, 2006, ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest (K) Ufondu, telephoned lkemba Iweala and demanded another \$30,000 payment in order to prevent the disclosure of Ikemba lweala's affair with co-conspirator Nwoye.

and for the District of Columbia

(L) On or about April 10, 2006, by means of threats to harm Ikemba Iweala's reputation, ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu, caused Ikemba Iweala to transfer by wire \$30,000 to ADRIANE OSUAGWU, also known as Ernest Ufondu.

(Conspiracy to Commit Extortion, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371)

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON



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NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL NO.: 08 - 070

MAGISTRATE NO.: 06-494M

ADRIANE OSUAGWU,

also known as Ernest Ufondu,

UNDER SEAL

Defendant.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the government's motion to seal the indictment in this case, and for good cause shown, it is this ______ day of March, 2008,

ORDERED, that the indictment shall be scaled upon filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the indictment shall be unsealed automatically at the time of the defendant's arrest on the charges contained in the indictment.

mited States Magistrate Judge

Inited States District Court
For the District of Columbia
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NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, Clerk

Deputy Clerk